

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

SHANE ROBERT SMITH,

Defendant.

4:20CR3071

SUPPLEMENTAL ORDER

Given the rate of COVID 19 cases in this area, the court will not be trying *jury* cases in December 2020 and January 2021 (and possibly beyond). This case is assigned to me.

Because I am suffering from some health problems, I am no longer trying most jury trials. Therefore,

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. This case referred to Magistrate Judge Zwart for a later trial setting, on or after late February.
2. Seventeen calendar days before the trial is scheduled to commence, counsel for both parties shall advise Chief Judge Gerrard, Magistrate Judge Zwart and myself that the case will require a jury trial. At that point, the Clerk shall transfer and reassign this case directly to Chief Judge Gerrard per his directions to me. If the case is ultimately resolved by plea, the Chief Judge may or may not reassign the case to me for sentencing.
3. If this case is reassigned, any motions shall be directed to Magistrate Judge Zwart with copies to Chief Judge Gerrard.
4. Until this case is reassigned, I will continue to handle all matters pertaining to this case. During that time, counsel should feel free to contact me if questions arise about this order or otherwise.

Dated this 17th day of December, 2020.

BY THE COURT:


Richard G. Kopf
Senior United States District Judge